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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B "Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant." A copy of each non-US patent document is enclosed.

Please consider all the listed documents and list them on the cover sheet of any patents to issue from the subject application.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the mailing of a final Office action, but before a Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-4244. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-4244 any fee required by this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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